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1. The road Kukes (Y47 QB 8922) - Ymishte (Y47 QB 8505) - Peshkopi (Y47 QB 8877) was built in 1949. It was constructed with a layer of crushed stone covered with sand. It is 7½ meters wide with gradients up to 25 degrees. The small bridges along the road are made of concrete and all have a capacity of up to 20 tons.

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2. The road Peshkopi (Y47 QB 8877 - Gjytet (Y47 QG 7657) - Klos (G/1 QG 6255) Burrel (Y47 QG 5372) was built in 1952. The section from Gjytet - Klos was cut into the rock face. All other sections were constructed with a stone base covered with a layer of crushed stone and sand. The road is 8 meters wide with gradients up to 20 degrees. The bridge over the river Drin near Topojan (Y47 QG 8865) is built of reinforced concrete and has a capacity of up to 20 tons.

3. The road Elbasan (G/1 QG 5216) - Shengjergj (G/1 QG 5741) - Gur i Bardhe (G/1 QG 5655) was completed in September 1950. Work started on the road in 1949. The road is 6-7 meters wide and was constructed with a stone foundation. There are no bridges along this road but there are many culverts. On either side of the road there are ditches ½ meter wide and ½ meter deep. From Elbasan the road follows the river Zaranike. After a distance of approximately 7 kilometers there is a series of sharp gradients and bends. Before reaching Shengjergj the road flattens out and several kilometers north

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of Gur i Bardhe it crosses the road Klos (G/1 QG 6255) - Burrel (Y47 QG 5372). The road was constructed by Albanian workers under the supervision of Russian engineers. Russian technicians handled all the machinery.

4. In the autumn of 1950, work was carried out on the widening of parts of the road Peshkopi (Y47 QB 8877) - Muhurr (Y47 QG 7677) Selishte (Y47 QG 8877) - Murre (Y47 QG 6873) - Lysa - Burrel (Y47 QG 5372). At the same time concrete bridges were built to replace wooden ones. Work was carried out by Albanian labor under the joint supervision of Russian and Albanian technicians. The following work was carried out:
- a. A new concrete bridge was built over the river Drin, east of Muhurr to replace the wooden one erected after the war ended. The new bridge is an arched construction laid on two abutments. The bridge has a separate pavement for pedestrians.
 - b. The section of the road between Muhurr and Selishte which runs along the river Lysa was widened. This was done partly by blasting into the rock face at the sides and partly by building concrete viaducts along the river bank. At no point was the road widened more than $1\frac{1}{2}$ meters.
 - c. The section between Selishte and Burrel was widened by 1 - $1\frac{1}{2}$ meters and is now 9 meters wide.
 - d. New concrete bridges 3 - 5 meters long were erected over all streams and small rivers.

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